

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [Redacted]
Executive Officer, DDS&T

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : DCID Revision

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1. Attached you will please find a draft DCID on NPIC. It is intended to stand on its own should NSCID #8 be swept away.

2. May I please have your comments, including your advice on whether it needs to be coordinated throughout the community. I would not plan to seek final approval of the DCID at this time, nor will I do so without further consultation with you.

3. Would you also please send me a list of the DCID's which you have reviewed and a brief summary of your findings? I need this sooner than I need your comments on the attached.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE
NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102, the National Security Act of 1947, and Executive Order 12333, there is established a National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC).

Mission: The National Photographic Interpretation Center shall function as a service of common concern to ensure the most effective exploitation of photography as a source of national foreign intelligence.

Functions: Under the general guidance of the Director of Central Intelligence, NPIC shall:

- 1) Ensure that a coordinated Intelligence Community approach to the exploitation of photography is established and maintained for the maximum benefit of the Intelligence Community.
- 2) Provide on a selective basis for the preliminary interpretation of photography and make distribution to appropriate elements of the Intelligence Community.
- 3) Receive foreign intelligence photography from photographic processing facilities. Such photography will also be made available to designated Intelligence Community photographic intelligence units.
- 4) Maintain on a selective basis a consolidated central file of photographic data.

5) Make recommendations on common standards for the Intelligence Community regarding the handling of photographic data.

6) Engage in or sponsor the development of specialized equipment for the exploitation of photographic information.

7) Support Intelligence Community photographic interpretation units, provided that no degradation of its primary mission is involved.

8) Make recommendations on special security controls, as appropriate.

Intelligence Community Responsibilities: Elements of the Intelligence Community shall make foreign intelligence photographic information available to NPIC without delay.

Elements of the Intelligence Community shall provide appropriate personnel and other support to NPIC, as agreed between them and the DCI.

Composition and Organization: The Director, NPIC, shall be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense.

Intelligence Community personnel assigned to NPIC will perform functional duties as directed by the Director, NPIC. They will remain administratively responsible to their parent organizations.

In time of war, the administration of NPIC will be transferred to the Secretary of Defense.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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5 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: DCI Directive on NPIC

1. Per our conversation, attached you will please find the following:
 - a. revised draft DCI directive (new);
 - b. covering memorandum to DDCI (draft); and
 - c. proposed memorandum to NFIB.
2. The original revision has been eroded by the passage of many months. A new one is attached. It is consistent with an approved directive on factory markings intelligence, also a service of common concern.
3. The DDCI has been alerted that I am now prepared to come to grips with the NSCID-DCID issue; that I plan to approach this issue on a case-by-case basis; that NPIC appears to be the best place to begin.

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Walter Elder

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Attachments:

1. Revised Draft DCID
2. Covering Memo to DDCI (Draft)
3. Proposed Memo to NFIB (Draft)

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE

National Photographic Interpretation

(Effective Date)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive Order 12333, policies and procedures are hereby established for national photographic interpretation.

1. Purpose

To ensure the most effective exploitation of photography, the Central Intelligence Agency is assigned responsibility for the administration of a National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) as a service of common concern on behalf of the Intelligence Community.

2. Primary Responsibilities

The Central Intelligence Agency shall operate and administer a National Photographic Interpretation Center which shall perform the following functions as a service of common concern:

a. provide on a selective basis for the preliminary interpretation of photography and make distribution to appropriate elements of the Intelligence Community;

b. receive foreign intelligence photography from photographic processing facilities and make such photography available to designated photographic intelligence units within the Intelligence Community.

c. maintain on a selective basis a consolidated central file of photographic data;

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- d. make recommendations on common standards for the Intelligence Community regarding the handling of photographic data;
- e. engage in or sponsor the development of specialized equipment for the exploitation of photographic data;
- f. in coordination with the Security Committee, make recommendations on special security controls; and
- g. support Intelligence Community photographic interpretation units, provided that there is no degradation of NPIC's primary mission and functions.

3. Intelligence Community Responsibilities

Intelligence Community components shall make foreign intelligence photographic information available to NPIC without delay.

Intelligence Community components shall provide appropriate staff and other support to NPIC, by agreement between the DCI and the individual components.

4. Organization

The Director, NPIC, shall be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense.

Intelligence Community personnel assigned to NPIC will perform functional duties as determined by the Director, NPIC. They will remain administratively responsible to their parent organizations.

In time of war, the administration of NPIC will be transferred to the Secretary of State.

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